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Student centre to open next spring

The college student centre, which will be constructed at the Welland campus by next year, will be nearly 7,900 square feet — roughly the size of the Aquaduck, a local bar, pictured above.
Photo by David Johnson

The college student centre should open its doors next spring after a year delay, which was spent finalizing the plans.

Located at the Welland Campus, the $800,000 centre was to be built by mid-1990, but frequent revisions for final approval by the college pushed back the start until 1991, Donna Flutur. Student Administrative Council office manager, said.

"There's been certain red tape that we've had to go through, and that's what's caused the delay," she said. "The centre is a definite go now, and we're hoping it will be ready for the spring of 1991."

The centre, which will contain a pub area with a bar, a lounge, a games room and the SAC offices, will be about 7,900 square feet, about the size of the Aquaduck, a Welland pub.

The cost will be covered entirely by student funds, Donna said. The college will contribute the land. SAC has been saving money for the centre in a trust fund set up by the college. A $25 student fee with each registration was added last year, to be put toward covering the cost.

The centre, to be located between the Black Walnut and Simcoe buildings, will have a walkway extending from the bridge-pathway which connects Parking Lot D to the Tecumseh Centre yard, over to what will be the front entrance of the new building. No new parking lots will be constructed.

At press time, SAC and the College Council were involved in negotiations to finalize the plans and the lease of the building. Several architectural companies were being considered to handle the building's construction.

Lack of funding closes gallery

The Hennepin Art Gallery will remain closed this year, the first season it will not open since April 1979.

Although the art gallery was underfunded, the decision to close became apparent last May when the position of curator was not filled, Thomas Fraser, art gallery director, said.

"Nobody wanted the position," he said. "I am still hoping someone will come forward to run the gallery."

Even if the position of curator is filled, there's still a lack of funding to rent gallery space in Hennepin Hall, Mr.Fraser said. "The space is still held for the art gallery, but will be sold for something else."

The art gallery, over the past years, was used to display both local and out-of-town talent. Exhibits from various Ontario galleries, depicting a wide variety of art, were brought here after their closing elsewhere.

Mr.Fraser said the Hennepin Hall art gallery is an important aspect of the college within the community.

"With the fine arts program back on the main campus, I feel it's very important to have the students' projects on display," he said.

Anyone interested in the position of curator — the scheduling and presenting of exhibits — is asked to contact Mr.Fraser at ext. 699.

Sugar daddy donates funds

An unknown Niagara Falls donor will be contributing $20,000 to end a $200,000 campaign in support of the hospitality centre in that city.

Both Mayor Bill Smeaton of Niagara Falls and Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information at Niagara College, are not identifying the donor. Mr. Zanutto said, "Mayor Smeaton has indicated that someone from Niagara Falls will make a donation that will put us over the top."

A testimonial dinner will be held on Nov. 19, 1990 for two major supporters of Niagara College — Vince Kerrio, retired MPP of Niagara Falls and Mayor Smeaton.

It will be during the $100-a-plate dinner held at the Victoria Park Restaurant in Niagara Falls that the anonymous donor will make the contribution.

Shinerama successful despite poor conditions

Niagara College students raised $4,500 to date for Cystic Fibrosis research from Shinerama Sept. 14.

Jason Austen, vice-president external affairs, Student Administrative Council, said 230 people volunteered for the event, but only about 100 people participated. With the help of 150 students, last year's Shinerama raised $5,800. Despite the fewer numbers, Jason is "pleased" with the results.

Students who combed shopping malls throughout the region shining shoes and windows, raised $3,500. Corporate donations and a tuition draw, to be held Sept. 28, have not been tallied. The car wash which was to be held on Sept. 15 was cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

Participants of Shinerama received tie-dyed t-shirts and a buffet breakfast. Bagged lunches were donated by a local business. A pub was held at Gilligans, with money being donated to the cause.

Shinerama started in 1964, about 64 colleges and universities take part.

No epidemic

No flu epidemic is occurring, to the disbelief of those feeling ill.

Health Services at the college confirmed that people not feeling well are those susceptible to ailments like bronchitis. The end of October is the anticipated season for flu outbreaks. Information on flu shots will be available next month.

A reminder to students from Donna Wessels, R.N., is to obtain application forms if they have not yet applied for the new red and white OHIP cards. Applications are available from Health Services, Lundy 20.

College in the red

Debt 'manageable'

By ROBERT FINLAY
Staff Reporter

Niagara College continues to struggle under a debt load going into the fall semester of 1990 — a debt load that college officials are predicting will only worsen. Ironically, students at Niagara College can expect a positive side-effect of this fiscal crisis in the form of renewed efforts by administration and faculty to help students succeed, and, therefore, stay, at Niagara.

While the financial situation at the end of March 1990 was not as dire as was expected, Niagara College is running $298,000 in the red. College officials are forecasting the debt will increase to almost $1 million by the end of the 1990-91 academic year.

Hans van der Slagt, vice-president of student and administration operations, said that while the debt is a "manageable financial problem", the real problem lies with the amount of funding provided by the province — one of the factors that led to the faculty strike last year.

Mr. van der Slagt said administration and faculty are committed to helping students as part of an overall plan to improve the college's finances.

NO BARRIERS

"We want to insure that every student enrolled here can succeed in the program of their choice," he said. "We want to remove any barriers there may be to reaching their goal." This effort will increase enrolment and consequently secure improved provincial funding.

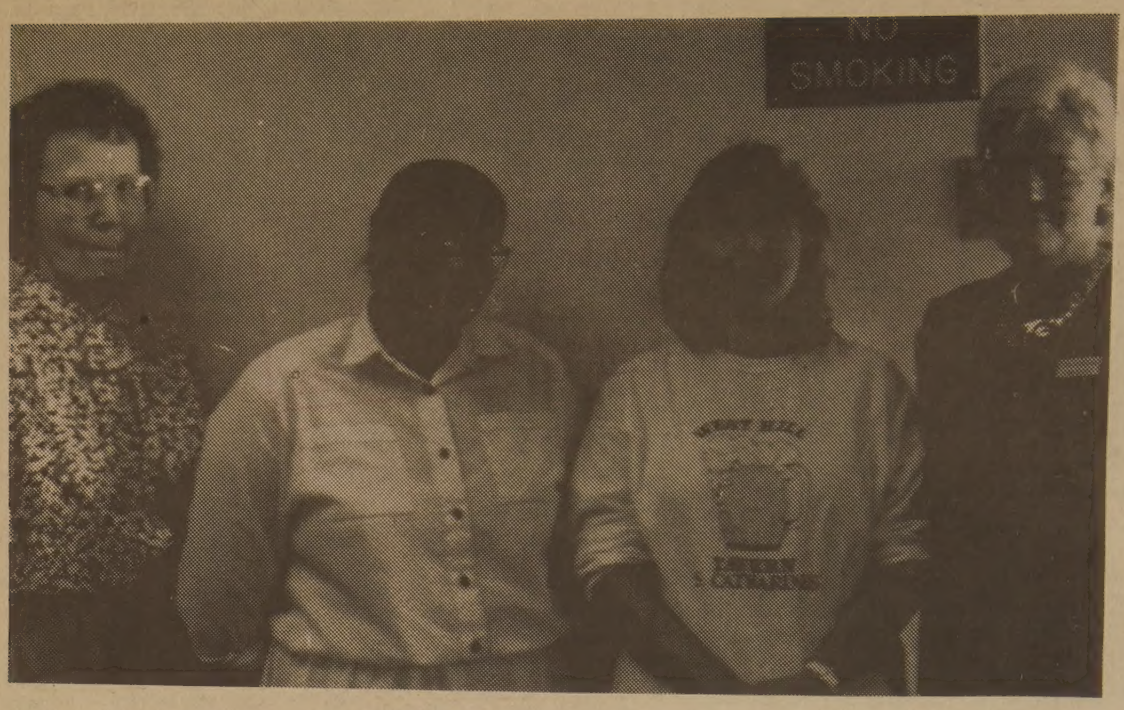
Mr. van der Slagt said that while the college is in the midst of trying to balance its budget, cost-cutting measures will not affect students in the form of program cancellations or other major steps.

Although student enrolment at Niagara College is up 10 per cent this year over the same time last year, provincial funding is based on the average number of students attending college throughout Ontario. Mr. van der Slagt said low enrolment has historically been a problem at Niagara, where the student population has grown at levels below the provincial average. Helping students remain at Niagara will eventually benefit the students as well as raise the rate of provinical funds that flows into the college, he said.

Inside the News

Dr. Knowles Resigns. Effective Oct. 29, 1990 the vice president of academics takes on new duties at Red River College in Manitoba. See page 3.

Griffith into China. Communication, both verbal and written was the key to Jennie Griffith's tour of China as the college's English instructor followed the Silk Route to the Orient's riches. See page 5.



NPIEC nursing assistant students received awards at a recent banquet. Pictured left to right: Margaret Fast, co-ordinator of RNA program; Adelaide Holmes and Diane Brady, recipients of perfect attendance awards; Donna Cunningham, director of nursing.

Photo by Robbie Craine

Fashion student wins $500 award at show

It isn't often a term assignment puts cash in the bank.

For 20-year-old Charlayne Desjardins of Port Colborne, her $500 second place win in the 1990 National Canadian Fur Fashion Awards did just that.

"I was very excited," Charlayne said. "I didn't expect to win."

Miss Desjardins, graduate of the Fashion Arts Program, entered her winning design of a 1940s style black mink jacket with great hopes, Carole Timm, co-ordinator of the Fashion Arts Program, said.

"She has a lot of ideas," Carole said, "It's just a matter of her channeling her energy to decide what avenue of fashion to follow."

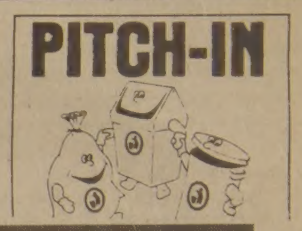
ONE OF SEVEN

Charlayne's design was one of seven to be judged by the Canadian Fur Council at this year's Fur Fair held in Montreal from May 2 to 5. The coat made from her design was on display and judged against six other finalists from across Canada.

"I hope this will open many doors for me," Charlayne said in an earlier interview. "After people see my design, then they will know of my creative abilities."

Charlayne and her mother travelled to Montreal to attend the show as guest of the Canadian Fur Council. While there she was allowed to try on her coat.

The competition is sponsored annually by the Fur Council of Canada, and judging is by young designers working in the Canadian fur industry.



Nursing students honored

Two registered nursing assistant students received awards for perfect attendance at a banding banquet at Mack Campus Sept. 7.

Diane Brady and Adelaide Holmes received stethoscopes from the Niagara Peninsula Industrial Education Council, the course's sponsor. Ten others were given bandage scissors for missing less than two days of classes.

The banding banquet was held to present the nursing assistant students with pale-green cap bands. The bands signify completion of the first semester. A total of 24 students received bands, Donna Cunningham, director of nursing, said. The course started with 40 students.

The council-sponsored nursing assistant group took a 15-week preparatory course at Welland Campus. They are the first to be sponsored by NPIEC and to take the preparatory course before beginning the RNA session. They began the RNA course May 25 and attended classes throughout the summer, Miss Cunningham said.

This group will graduate Feb. 15, 1991, when they will receive dark green bands. Following graduation, the RNA students will write exams in order to be registered with the College of Nurses. Registration is required for employment.

Some employers may hire the graduates at a lower pay rate prior to registration. The continuation of such employment would be pending registration, Miss Cunningham said.

The NPIEC nursing assistant group will write registration exams March 23, 1991, Miss Cunningham said. If they pass, they will be registered with the College of Nurses. Registration must be renewed yearly.

The College of Nurses regulates standards to protect the public and nurses by ensuring nurses are qualified. The College of Nurses also assesses nursing schools to verify standards are being met and maintained, Miss Cunningham said.

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Slow-down in economy boosts enrolment at Niagara College

By TARA GRABELL
Staff Writer

Enrolment at Niagara College is up this year with record numbers of students enrolling in several programs and a 6.7 per cent increase in the total number of full-time students registered.

John Parrett, registrar, attributed this increase to two things: wider acceptance of the college system by the public and a slower ecomony with fewer jobs available for those with no post-secondary training.

"Generally, the whole college system is more up than down," Mr. Parrett said.

The second reason for the increase in enrolment, the slow economy, has been a factor that brings both students out of high school and workers anticipating lay-off into the college, Mr. Parrett said. Most of the high school graduates take up full-time studies; the laborers enrol in training programs and part-time studies.

THREE UP

In the full-time programs, high growth in student numbers has been recorded in the Business Administration program, with 250 students registered; the Early Childhood Education program, with 122 students; and Law and Security program, with 211 students. As a result of these numbers, classes have been added to these programs.

With a total of 3,564 full-time students registered this year, the college has experienced a 6.7 per cent increase from last year's figure of 3,342 students. About 2,228 first-year students have registered this year, resulting in a 10.7 per cent increase from the 2,012 first-year students who registered last year.

Mr. Parrett said that even though the faculty strike last year resulted in a greater loss of students than normal, the college had a 1.9 per cent increase in returning students, about 1,336, this year.

TONY KNOWLES

Niagara loses VP to Manitoba College

Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics at Niagara College, has resigned, effective the end of October, to become president of Red River College, Winnipeg on Oct. 29, 1990.

During his two years as vice-president of academics, Mr. Knowles was responsible for academic programming at Niagara which includes post secondary education, adult training, continuing education, contract activities with businesses and industries and Futures Ontario- Basic Skills and Development office. Mr. Knowles was the dean of applied science and technology for five years at the college.

Before coming to Niagara, Mr. Knowles was chairman of technology and co-ordinator and teacher of mathematics and computer science at Loyalist College, Belleville. He obtained his doctorate in physical science from the University of Waterloo.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. Knowles said his greatest achievements at Niagara College were the establishment of more co-operative programs in technology and the development of a unique manufacturing mechanical technology program which saw students using portable lap-top computers known as the Piconet project.

"Working for Tony Knowles during the past seven years has been throughly enjoyable and extremely challenging," Carol Takacs, executive secretary to the vice-president, said. "He has a terrific sense of humor and I found him to be straight forward, fair and even tempered."

Linda Armbrust, scheduling officer, who has worked with Mr. Knowles for the past two years said, "The college will be losing a good man."

Mr. Knowles describes his years at Niagara as "very rewarding," saying he has had the chance to meet some good people; he admits that there was both good and bad times.

Overall, Mr. Knowles said that he will be leaving Niagara College with pleasant memories and he believes the college is well positioned to address the 90s and thinks it has an excellent future.

Niagara College to be more 'user friendly'

Focus on success is an extra effort being made by the faculty and administration at Niagara College to help students be more successful.

"The Focus on Success Program is a comprehensive effort made by Niagara College staff to make sure students are successful in their programs," Dr. Tony Knowles, vice-president of academics, said.

An emphasis will be made to make the students feel welcome, wanted and aware that the staff are here to help them meet their goals.

"The goal of focus on success is to make Niagara College a more user friendly institution," Bette Ferguson, director of student services, said.

Mrs. Ferguson would like to see the students link up with program co-ordinators, faculty advisers, senior students, peer tutors and student mentors to receive the attention and assistence they need.

"I would like to see the student mentor program carried over into every program offered at Niagara, whereby every incoming student would have a senior student to go to for help and advice,"Mrs. Ferguson said.

Staff, both in and outside the classroom, will be prepared to help students be aware of what support systems there are to assist them, where they are located and how to use them.

"First term is crucial to many students, both former high school students and mature students, who need special support to meet their needs," Mrs. Ferguson said.

Dental clinic needs mouths

If you have a toothache, a cavity, need your teeth cleaned, or just need a check up you can have it done for minimal cost at the Niagara College Dental Clinic.

"The Dental Assistant program is in need of patients," Billie Atkinson, program co-ordinator, said.

The programs offers examinations and x-rays free to Niagara College students, faculty and the general public. Follow up appointments can then be made for the clinics that begin in January.

Four licensed dentists are on duty at all clinics. Work is done for the cost of materials used. Hours of the clinics are: Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 8:30 a.m. — noon.

The Dental Assistant program is celebrating its 20th anniversary this month. The program began in September 1970 with 24 students. This year there are 52 students enrolled in the program.

Special Needs grad returns to raise money

Leon Lowry considers himself a superman at selling tickets.

No longer a student at Niagara College, Mr.Lowry has decided to raise the money needed to purchase a $60,000 specially-equipped van for Tanguay Place.

Mr.Lowry , because of his mobility, is the only resident at Tanguay Place able to sell tickets. He can understand the every day inconveniences of working his schedule around handi-trans running times.

"It is very difficult to see a movie or go to Marineland or Canada's Wonderland when a vehicle has to be arranged ahead of time," Mr. Lowry said.

As for being back at Niagara, Mr.Lowry said it reminds him of Old Home Week. Mr.Lowry has set up at table outside the Student Administrative Council office and is selling tickets for a draw in which he hopes to raise $5,000.

Mr.Lowry attended Niagara College from Nov.4,1988, to April 27,1990. He graduated from Grade 12 under the Special Needs Program. He asked the college if he could return to sell tickets to the staff and students.

"There was no problem having Leon return to sell tickets at the college," Donna Flutur, SAC office manager said.

Tanguay Place's draw will be Monday, Oct.8, 1990, at 8 p.m. To date, $25,000 has been raised in other fundraising events.

North Welland suffers blackout; College equipment faulted

An old problem came back to haunt the college this month when everyone was left in the dark for a day. Despite the lights being on now, there are still questions concerning the power failure.

The failure was cause by an underground feeder cable that shorted out in the wee hours of Sept. 11. The college and most of Welland were affected by the blackout which lasted for six days.

Glen Brooks, college electrician, said blame for the blackout couldn't be placed on anyone or anything. Like a lightbulb which burns out, the equipment just got old. According to records the 27,000 volt underground feeder was installed in 1968.

The last time a failure happened, in 1983, the power was out for one day. The Mackenzie Building and houses in the immediate area were affected. It was the first time in 13 years that the Niagara News was unable to publish.

Al Walker, from Welland Hydro, said the college was at fault because the equipment was supposed to be upgraded the last time the power went out and the work was never done.

The college was powered by two small substations, one owned by the college and another rented from Rondar services. The two generaters allowed repair work to be done and supplied the MacKenzie Building, Black Walnut Building and the Daycare Centre with power to run classes, Mr. Brooks said.

A new underground feeder was installed from Rice Road by Cyril Smith Electric, Mr. Brooks said. Welland Hydro did the high-voltage feed to the new installation. Everybody worked through the weekend completing work on Sunday.

"One little cable upset a lot," Mr. Walker said.

The Welland Hospital, Welland high schools, an A&P store, various apartment buildings and a number of houses were affected.

Ron Haughton, director of plant and property at the college, said the insurance inspector is interested in what happened.

Editorials

Revolution now

Awareness needed

This is it, folks. The beginning of a new school year and time to become aware of what is going on not only at Niagara College but around the country and world. Now that the 90s are well underway, people everywhere are realizing that no-one is immune to environmental destruction: AIDS, cancer and other diseases; gang wars, political upheaval and rebellion; illiteracy; drug and alcohol addiction; abuse and a number of other issues. The world around us is in an age of awareness, not only of the self but of society as a whole.

It may be significant that not only is the world around us changing but so is the atmosphere at Niagara. We greet a new college president, John Saso, a record enrolment for first year, and — with hope — more student body spirit than we've ever had.

It is everyone's responsibility to be aware of what is happening around him. Outside the college it's up to everyone to help clean the environment, politics, and neighborhoods. At the college it is up to us to be aware of how we can be involved in making changes for the better. Now is the time for peaceful and unified revolution. The message is to get involved at Niagara College, because no one is immune and awareness starts in our own backyard.

Lorraine Gibbs

Books before fun

Secret to success

Bulletin boards throughout Niagara College are filled with them — announcements for pubs, announcements for concerts, announcements for sports teams. These are fun events and can make college life enjoyable.

As enjoyable as these events may be, they should not become the number one item on a college student's agenda. College life consists of attending classes and getting good grades. Boring, right? Wrong! Classes are as interesting as you make them. Even a boring instructor or a boring subject should not discourage you from attending the class.

After classes, as after work, there will be time to enjoy. Business before pleasure, you know.

Enjoy the years at Niagara, get the diploma, and go out to the workforce, knowing you have prepared yourself by establishing good habits during the college years.

Robbie Craine

Letters

Permit thief problem

Dear Editor:

There seems to be a person or maybe several people stealing parking permits from cars at Niagara College, or from anywhere a student or staff member may have parked their car.

I was the victim of such a theft from the rearview mirror of my car sometime between Sept. 18 or 19, 1990, not even three weeks into classes. I would just like the thief to know that I must now pay another $45 to Niagara College for the privilege of parking while furthering my education. If I don't replace it immediately, then I am subject to receiving a parking ticket of, I believe, $10 each time that I park at school.

The real problem is, thief, that you stole my parking permit just a day before my one son's eighth birthday and my other son's third birthday in only two weeks! Do you think they'll appreciate a parking permit wrapped up with a bow? Not likely!!!

Maybe you can help make their birthdays happy ones by turning in my parking permit to the office at Niagara College. Please allow me to buy gifts for my children instead!

Sincerely,
Victoria Baago
Educational Resource
Special Needs
735-6730

Coronation Ball success

Dear Editor:

The 1990 Rose Queen Coronation Ball has come to a close. This event takes much time and organization to prepare and as you may have already heard the 29th Coronation Ball was a huge success.

Although the Rose Queen Committee works very hard, this event would not be such a success without your help.

At this time I would like to thank you for helping us to locate our contestants back in December of 1989.

Once again myself and the committee of the 1990 Rose Queen Coronation Ball thank you for your support and we hope you will continue to assist us in the coming year as we plan for the 1991 Coronation Ball.

Sincerely;

Shirley Ann Bukovac
Publicity Director
Coronation Ball
Welland Rose Festival

Every little bit helps

Dear Editor:

We, at the Welland Chapter of the RP Foundation, wish to thank you for the fine article which you placed in your paper. The efforts of both Barbara Blue (former instructor) and Elizabeth Yates are greatly appreciated, as is the help offered by the college.

Your help brings us one step closer to overcoming this affliction. Please contact us at any time with any questions or advice which you may have.

Sincerely,

Herb Reaker
Secretary
RP Foundation

Cdn. Thanksgiving differs from U.S.

By KAREN GIBSON
Staff Writer

Most Canadians are more familiar with the American Thanksgiving story of pilgrims who left England and landed at Plymouth than they are with the story of their own Thanksgiving.

Throughout the years, the Canadian Thanksgiving has been celebrated for different reasons and held on different dates. The earliest Thanksgiving celebrated in Canada was in 1763 when the people of Halifax held a day of thanks for the end of the Seven Year's War.

On June 18, 1816, Upper Canada, now Ontario, Observed a Thanksgiving day to celebrate the end of the war between Great Britian and Napoleon.

Another Thanksgiving Day was observed on March 1, 1871, in thanks for the restoration of the health of the Prince of Wales.

In 1879, Parliament decided to observe and annual Thanksgiving Day every November as a general day of thanks to God for the bountiful harvests. The date coincided with the United States holiday until 1931, when it was determined November was too far past harvesting and too close to Christmas. The date was changed to the third Monday in October.

After World War I, the Armistice Day Act of 1921 proclaimed that Thanksgiving Day and Armistice Day would be observed on the same day — the Monday in the week in which November 11 occurs. The day was called Thanksgiving Day.

In 1931, the Act was amended and Armistice Day became Remembrance Day. Thanksgiving Day was once again moved to October, and since 1957 has been held on the second Monday in October.

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China trip: adventure

By CATHERINE DENISON
Staff Writer

Jennie Griffiths, an English instructor at Niagara College since 1973, had experiences with written and verbal communication this past summer in a fascinating and exotic setting.

"I'm an opera buff," she said.

Mrs. Griffiths usually books a perennial opera tour in Europe or the United States. However, since Seattle recently suspended its production of Wagner operas, she decided to answer the call of the Orient. The fact that a three week tour of China would include a night at the Beijing opera helped to make her decision.

Opera

"Chinese opera is quite different from operas in the West,"Mrs. Griffiths said.

"There are lots of acrobatics involved and the male singers are constantly flitting across the stage."

By contrast, North American opera singers move the same way as actors in a stage play, unless the opera calls for a dancer. Opera Hamilton's production of La Traviata features Vanessa Hardwood, a former principal dancer with the National Ballet Company, in a small dance scene.

While in China, Mrs. Griffiths visited Urumqui, a north western city noted throughout the world for the design of its carpets. She met with a Chinese instructor of English at the local university. On behalf of Niagara College, she arranged to donate a good dictionary and some excellent books on business communication. These were sent after her return to Canada.

"All of these gestures help to establish a good rapport between China and Canada,"she said.

Silk route

Mrs. Griffiths toured the Silk Route, and ancient network of caravan trails crossing the mountains and deserts of central Asia. It was used to carry silk and other exotic goods westward to the Roman and Byzantaine empires.

Today, the Silk Route tour heads westward from Xi'an, the biggest city in northwest China and passes through Lanzhou, Dunhuang, Turfan and Urumqui to Kashgar. Kashgar is located at the far western tip of Xinjiang Province, only 100 kilometres from the Soviet Union.

Mrs. Griffiths also visited Shanghai, the biggest commercial city in China, located in the middle of the mainland's Pacific coast. The tour ended with a trip to Beijing, situated on the northwest fringe of the Huabei Plain. Beijing is the capital of China and the country's political, economic and cultural centre.

"Our guide took us to Tiananmen Square and pointed out the dark spots on the steps and pavement," Mrs. Griffiths said.

"He told us about one national guard who escaped by wearing an orderly's jacket someone lent him."

JENNIE GRIFFITHS

Mrs. Griffiths said she believes the protest movement in China will get stronger because the leaders are not making changes fast enough for the young people's satisfaction.

Although she enjoyed her visit to China, Mrs. Griffiths was happy to return to a more moderate climate and to clean drinking water.

"The temperature was 43 degrees celcius. That's about 114 degrees farenheit," she said.

Visitors were told not to drink any water outside the hotels, she said. "We drank beer everywhere. I got tired of it."

There are some who might like to take a crack at that.

Campus nurse returns available afternoons

The nurse is back!

"I always see Health Services as being here to assist students; with health needs, in any way we can," Donna Wessels, R.N., said.

The services provided encompass a wide range, from birth control counselling to weight and nutrition guidance. Referrals are provided to necessary services, from an appointment with Dr. Deveaux the next morning, to advice to go to the emergency room at the hospital.

Nurse Wessels is available on the main campus from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday, and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday. The office is closed between 12:30 p.m. and 1 p.m.

St. Catharines' campus has her services from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday to Thursday.

The main campus location is Lundy 20, and the telephone extention is 635. Medical Receptionist Anne Ferreira will make an appointment for you. Dr. Joanne Deveaux is available 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. weekdays.

Becoming familiar with yourself was another piece of advice Nurse Wessels administered to an enquiring student. She said she is eager to meet with students to provide for their needs, and can be used as a referral base for needs not met by Health Services.

Information pamphlets are available from racks outside the office, and cover a wide range of topics.

Watch for information months and special events over the year.

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Teacher to visit Japan for recruitment drive

By DAVID JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Dennis Malone, director of the English and articulation division, is going to Japan to attend three educational fairs to sell the college to Japanese students and parents.

Colleges and universities from Canada, the United States and Australia will be present at the fairs. Mr. Malone hopes to convince students and parents that Niagara has more to offer than other institutions.

The Japanese look for schools in areas that have a small or non-existent Japanese population.

"They come to learn English and do not want to be near other Japanese people," Mr. Malone said. "They do not want to fall in the habit of speaking their own language."

The Japanese students would rather have Canadian friends and that would would force them to learn English and speak it more often, he said.

To help Mr. Malone sell Niagara College, brochures have been printed in Japanese and English. The brochures briefly describe the English as a Second Language Program and how to apply to Niagara College. The brochures show scenes from the Niagara Region, including Niagara Falls and the Toronto Skydome.

The brochures have tear-away reply cards, which the Japanese can send for more information about Niagara College. The tear-away cards will help judge the response to Mr. Malone's presentation.

One of the college's advantages over other colleges is its peaceful environment, a place where it is safe to send children.

Mr. Malone hopes the parents will send their children here because of the safe environment.

The trip to Japan will run from ct. 4 to 15 and will consist of attending three fairs and meeting with faculty from Otaru University of Commerce in Saporro.

Two of the fairs which Mr. Malone will attend are sponsored by the International Cultural Studies Organization. All three fairs are sanctioned by the Canadian Embassy in Tokyo.

Mainichi Communications of Japan is sponsoring the third fair in Sapporo, Japan. Mainichi is one of the biggest communications companies in Japan, and each year it publishes a book on North American schools.

Mr. Malone will meet with the head of the English department at Otaru University of Commerce. This meeting is to try to establish a "twinning" of the two institutions, so that each has contact in the other's country.

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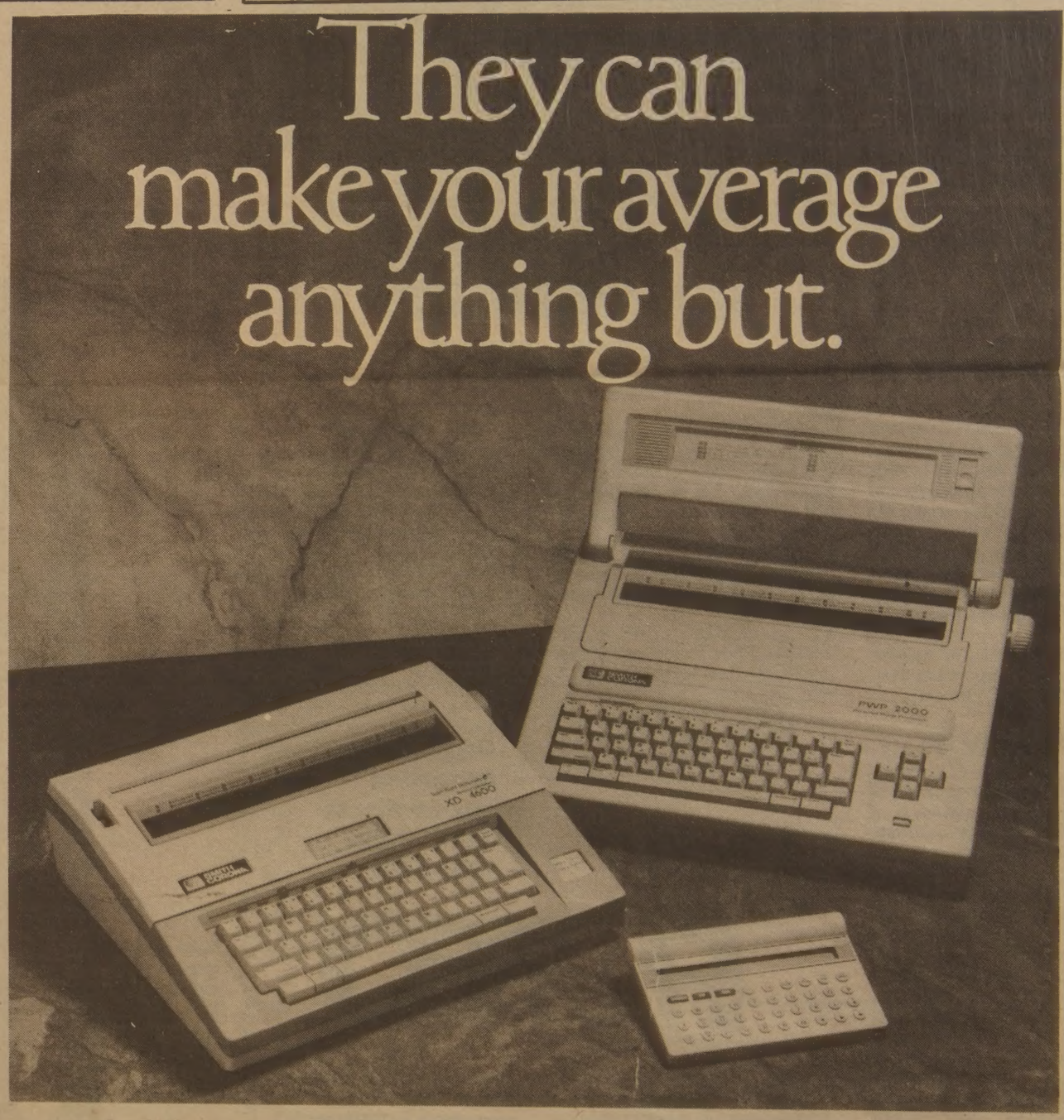

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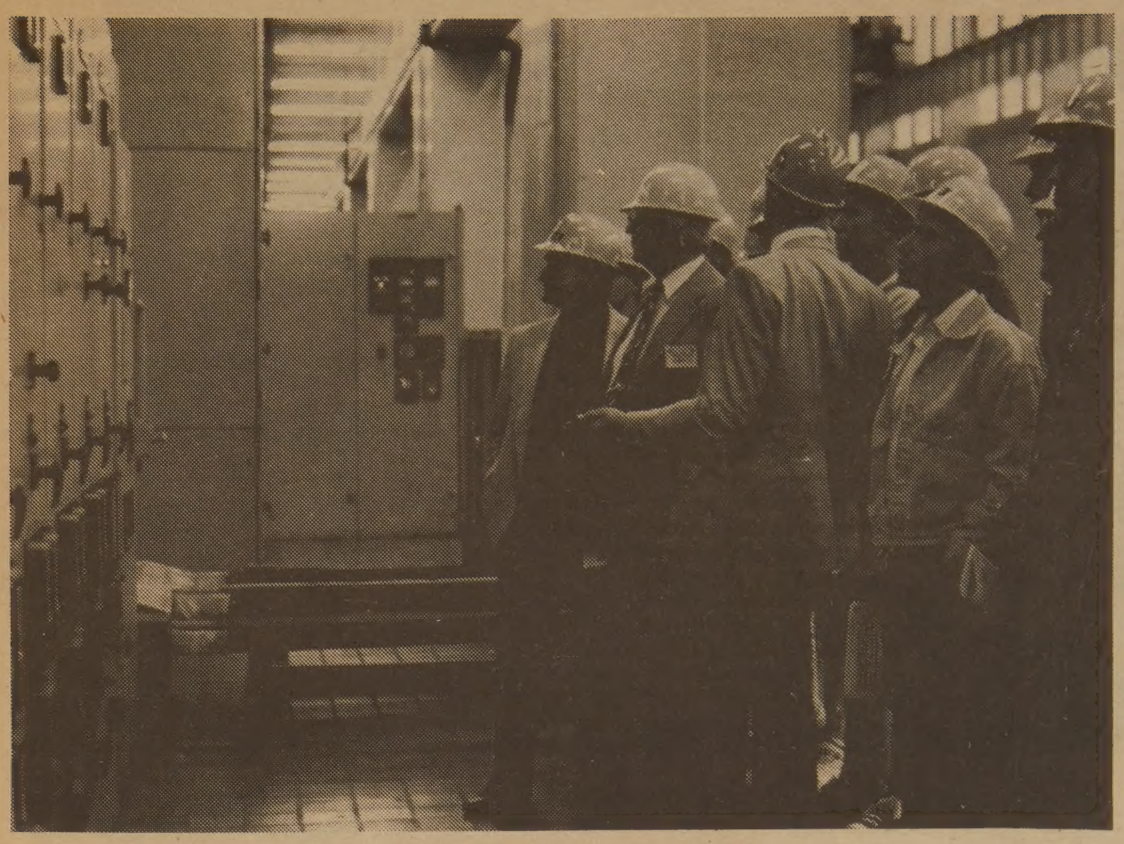

About 20 members of IEEE went to Sir Adam Beck Generating Plant this month to tour the facility. Phillip Schoones, IEEE's advisor, headed the tour while the students learned what it takes to produce hydro power.

Photo by Lorraine Gibbs

Incentives and contacts for IEEE members

Students in Engineering Technology and related arts and science are called to join the student branch of the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers at Niagara College.

This year's executive is Trevor Burns, president; Les Novak, chairman of publicity and communications — both in Electronics Engineering Technology; John Toulmin, vice-president; Ron Mann, treasurer; David Hogan, secretary, and Nick Puinno, vice-president of social affairs — all in Computer Engineering Technology. They encourage all students in technology programs to join IEEE for its benefits.

IEEE is a world-wide professional organization with more than 310,000 members in 130 countries. The Niagara College branch is a part of the Central Canada Council; it has more than 130 members this year. Last year Niagara's IEEE chapter won an award signifying the largest growth of a student chapter in Canada.

Being a member of IEEE brings students discounts on assorted materials needed for the technology programs such as first-year and second-year kits, disks and leads as well as scholarships and awards. Student members receive publications put out by the institute, attend meetings and seminars put on by the council and make contact with professionals in industry.

The Niagara branch of IEEE, located in L12 — the McNaughton Centre, was started in 1981 making it the fourth oldest centre in the Central Canadian Council. There are a number of chapters that members of IEEE can be involved with Niagara branch is involved with the Computer Society and is planning on starting a Communications Magazine Society, the Components, Hybrids and Manufacturing Technology Society and the Oceanic Engineering Society.

Membership in IEEE costs $24.

Sales frenzy large order

A forecast of a whirlwind sales frenzy came true for the college bookstore this month as students rushed to buy required textbooks.

Mary Cunningham, bookstore supervisor, said thousands of books have been sold to help students weather their studies this year.

"This is the first time we have put in such a large order for book titles," Mrs. Cunningham said. "Over 3,500 students have bought books this year and that doesn't include night school students."

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Get with the 25th! Join the festivities!

To Get with the 25th, Niagara College's 25th anniversary committee held a raffle draw Sept. 18, at the Black Walnut building. The college will celebrate 25 years of community service in spring 1992.

The first fundraiser event raised $1,068 towards activities planned by the anniversary committee.

SAC representative Bill Powell, vice-president finance, picked Joanne Stubbins' name as the first prize winner of a Niagara College parking permit. The second winner of a parking permit was Steve Collins.

Three second-place winners of dinners for two at the Hospitality and Tourism Centre were Valerie Grabove, Susan Hall and Christina DeAngelis.

As third-place prize winners, Ken Cosgrove won a bottle of wine, and Gloria Oakes, a Get with the 25th T-shirt.

Get with the 25th anniversary T-shirts are for sale at the bookstore and $11.34 will buy a piece of college history.

"T-shirt sales have been very good, especially the black T-shirts," Gloria Oakes, bookstore personnel, said. "This is the second order of 500 T-shirts we have placed."

Niagara Knight, Charger rides Grape, Wine Parade

For the first time in Niagara College's history a float will be part of the festivities of the Grape and Wine Festival.

"The float will be redesigned for the event with a trellis, bushels with grapes and purple balloons with Niagara College written on them," Foster Zanutto, director of marketing and information, said.

The Niagara Knight and Charger will remain the centrepiece of the float while a male and a female student from the college will be chosen to ride in the parade.

The theme for this year's parade is Tourism at Its Best. The parade will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29, at 11 a.m. in downtown St. Catharines.

The float was created after there was "an increased awareness that the college should be more visible in the community," Mr. Zanutto said.

55 Alive program

Refresher class for older drivers

By JENNIFER BARTKIW
Staff Writer

Niagara College will be offering a six-hour driving refresher course, 55 Alive, designed specifically for the older driver.

Canada Safety Council, which developed the program, has recognized that older drivers need assistance in preparing for possible new licensing requirements.

"Everything has been designed to accommodate the student such as accessibility to parking lots and classrooms which provide good workshop interaction," Sue Tallon, development officer for continuing education, said.

The course was offered originally in the spring, but there was a small response. A minimum of 12 students is required.

"All work is done in the classroom through the use of slides, group discussion and instructor guidance," Mrs. Tallon said.

Physical changes, perceptual skills, interacting with traffic, accident prevention measures, adverse driving conditions, other road users, local driving problems and licence renewal will be discussed in class with the instructor.

All data collected and being used to teach the mature students came from many organizations — the Provincial Department of Motor Vehicles, the Canadian Association of Optometrists, Health and Welfare Canada and agencies on aging.

A certificate of attendence will be given to each student upon completion of the course.

New course, new staff follow record enrolment

A record enrolment in the Law and Security program this term required a division of classes and the hiring of two new full-time teachers.

Enrolment encreased to 211 from last year's 152. "We had to separate the students into five sections to accommodate everyone," Ron Shaidle, program co-ordinagtor, said. "We have over 300 first and second year students."

Two full-time staff have been added to the program's staffing. Ric Gage, a former police officer from Peel County, and Gino Arcaro, a former Welland detective, will be adding their expertise. Angela North, who was on a one year leave, will be returning.

A new course, "Ethnic and Race Relations", is being offered, to help students develop a sensitivity to minor groups and issues.

Mr. Shaidle said an Olympics is planned in October. This will be an athletic-social event as well as a spirit builder.

"The focus of the event will be to mix teams to give students of the various groups a chance to meet."

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Parking problems continue to plague college planners. With a record enrolment this year, a close watch is being kept on the number of empty spaces and illegal parking. If the study shows a need, a new parking lot could be constructed. Students should also be aware that by-law enforcement is in effect and illegally parked cars will be ticketed.
Photo by Richard Douglas

Crack - down

Parking problems scrutinized daily

With a slight reduction in the number of parking spaces this year, a watch is being kept on how and when people are parking at the Welland campus.

A small parking area outside of Shipping and Receiving in the Voyageur Wing is no longer for permit parking. It has been set aside as a courtesy area for college vehicles and people from outside the college community who have business on campus. As city of Welland by-law enforcement is in effect, people who park in this area will receive tickets that may cost as much as $15.

Parking elsewhere on campus, which is on a first-come, first-serve basis, is being scrutinized.

"We're doing a survey every day; we're counting the number of spaces available in the morning and the afternoon," Ron Haughton, director of property and plant services said.

If the results of the survey indicate a need for more parking there is the possibility that Parking Lot F could be paved and made permanent or Parking Lot G would be extended.

The $45 student parking fee is used to effect servicing done on college roadways, walkways and parking lots.

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Cross-border plan for trade program

During the summer break an agreement to foster a cross-border educational exchange was signed by representatives of Niagara College and Niagara County Community College, Niagara Falls, N.Y.

The agreement, signed by senior college officals from both colleges on June 6, is seen as a "significant milestone" in establishing an international partnership that will benefit both students and staff Jacqueline Robarts, retiring college president, said. Miss Robarts saw the signing as one of her last major accomplishments.

Staff from both colleges are working toward the creation of an International Trade Program that will actively include students and staff on both sides of the border.

The trade program is receiving the "highest priority"and is "well underway," George Repar, director, planning, research and development, said. The two colleges "share the same sort of economic and social environments" which will benefit the establishment of such a course.

As it will be the pilot program for the cross-border agreement, a great deal of research is being compiled. No other scholastic trade program uses this unique cross-border system with the United States, so 400 questionnaires where sent to exporters on both sides of the border to ask what they thought was needed in such a program.

The results of the survey are being sifted and a report will be issued. Jon Ogryzlo, manager, planning, research and development, said initial response from peninsula businesses has been positive.

Programs that do not address international trade are going to fall behind in terms of what is happening in the business field, Mr. Ogryzlo said. The program, which he sees in the beginnning as for people already in the industry will, he hopes, grow into a one or two-year diploma program as part of the business division at the college.

Donor clinic in gym Nov. 15

The next blood donor clinic by the Welland Branch of the Canadian Red Cross at Niagara College will be held Nov. 15 in the gym.

The clinic will be open between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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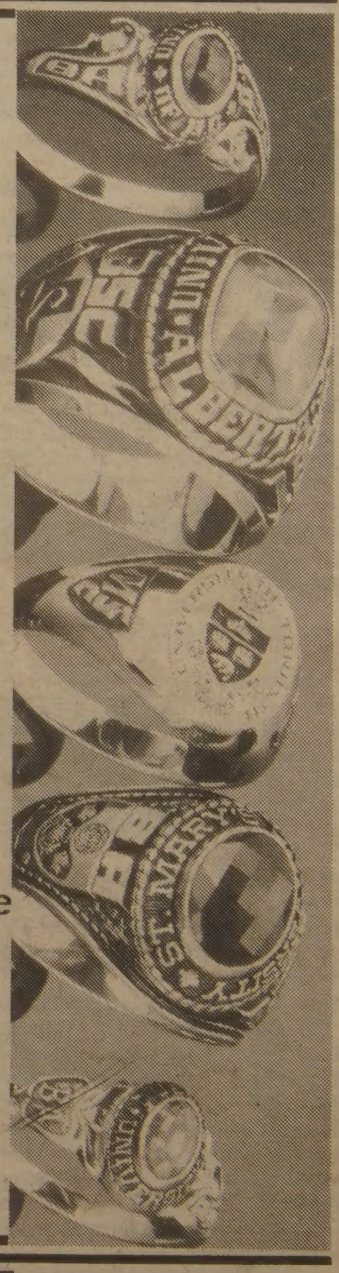


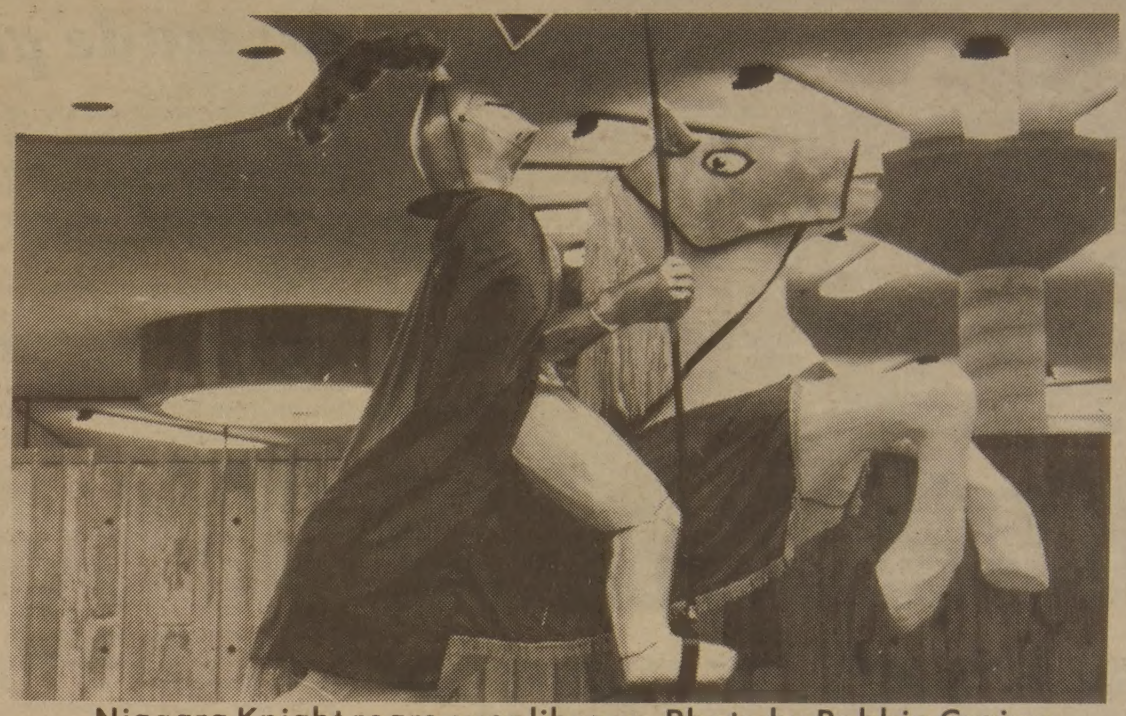
Niagara Knight rides with college pride

By ROBBIE CRAINE
Staff Writer

Look! Up on the card catalogue! It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's the Niagara Knight!

Yes, Niagara Knight — strange being from another campus who suddenly appeared atop the card catalogue in the Resource Centre; Niagara Knight — who can ride on a float, excite loyalty with his mere appearance, and who, with many builders amd creators, gained an award at the Welland Rose Festival Parade, fights a never-ending battle for truth, learning and the Niagara way.

Students and faculty entering the resource centre during the first week of school were greeted by an armor-clad knight atop his steed. This knight was built to sit on the float the college entered in the Rose Parade. Due to lack of storage space after the parade, he and his horse were placed in the library, Larry Clark, a technologist and one of the Knight's creators, said.



Niagara Knight rears over library - Photo by Robbie Craine

Design

The Dec. 8, 1989, edition of the Niagara News reported a SAC-sponsored contest to design a float to represent the college. This contest was won by students at the St. Catharines Futures Centre. Their original design was modified to suit time and money availability, but the knight remained.

A committee of 18 people was formed. Its first meeting took place on December 1989. Once the final design was settled upon, the work was to begin. Due to the teachers' strike, work did not begin until January 1990, Mr. Clark said.

A section of the Theatre Centre at the Empire Street campus was cleared. Volunteers were sought. A design for the horse and rider was drawn and enlarged as a guide for the workers.

With a limited budget, the builders scrounged for materials. The horse and rider were constructed of plywood, chicken wire, styrofoam, paper mache, and bits of props that were lying around the theatre centre. The original plans called for the form to be painted with waterproof spray-paint. As the newsprint from the paper mache showed through the paint, Mr. Clark said, fibreglass was sprayed over the form and dry wall plaster used to smooth out wrinkles. Exterior latex paint was sprayed over the fibreglass and plaster.

Completion

The knight and its float were to have been completed in time for the 1990 Blossom Festival Parade in May. Construction setbacks, lack of help, and lack of time meant the Blossom Parade was missed. The new target became the Rose Parade in June. Two weeks before the parade, the float was ready. The knight and horse were brought to the Radio and TV garage at Welland Campus and mounted on a wagon covered in white and blue plastic flowers.

The theme for the 1990 Welland Rose Festival Parade was Hands Across the City. To convey this, the theme was written across the side of the wagon in blue plastic flowers. Children at the college daycare were asked to make their handprints with fingerpaint; the handprints were mounted to a rainbow-shaped form with the word Expectations on it. On Sunday, June 24, the Niagara Knight rode the streets of Welland.

It was a triumphant one. The Niagara College float place first in the school float category, winning a $300 prize. The prize money from the Rose Parade was used to rent a garage in St. Catharines to store the wagon. It was not felt the knight should be stored in a garage so he was moved to the library.

The knight is now at the St. Catharines Campus, ready to be reassembled for the St. Catharines Grape and Wine Parade on Sept. 29. On his way to St. Catharines, he made a stop at the retirement party held for Fred Habermehl, Niagara's executive dean. Mr. Habermehl helped get the funding for the float, Mr. Clark said.

Mr. Clark hopes the float will continue. It will be modified for each parade but the knight will remain. Mr. Clark sees the knight as being Niagara's mascot and he sees the float as a good form of advertisement for the college. "It gets us in the papers as a postive force in the community," he said.

Busy year for tutors

Peer tutoring at Niagara College is off to a strong start this year although only several weeks into the new year. Pat Cicci, co-ordinator of peer tutoring, said the program has a number of applications from both tutors and those seeking help.

"The fall term is busy because of new entries into the college and those who are entering after being away from school for many years,"she said.

About 30 people have signed up for the program.

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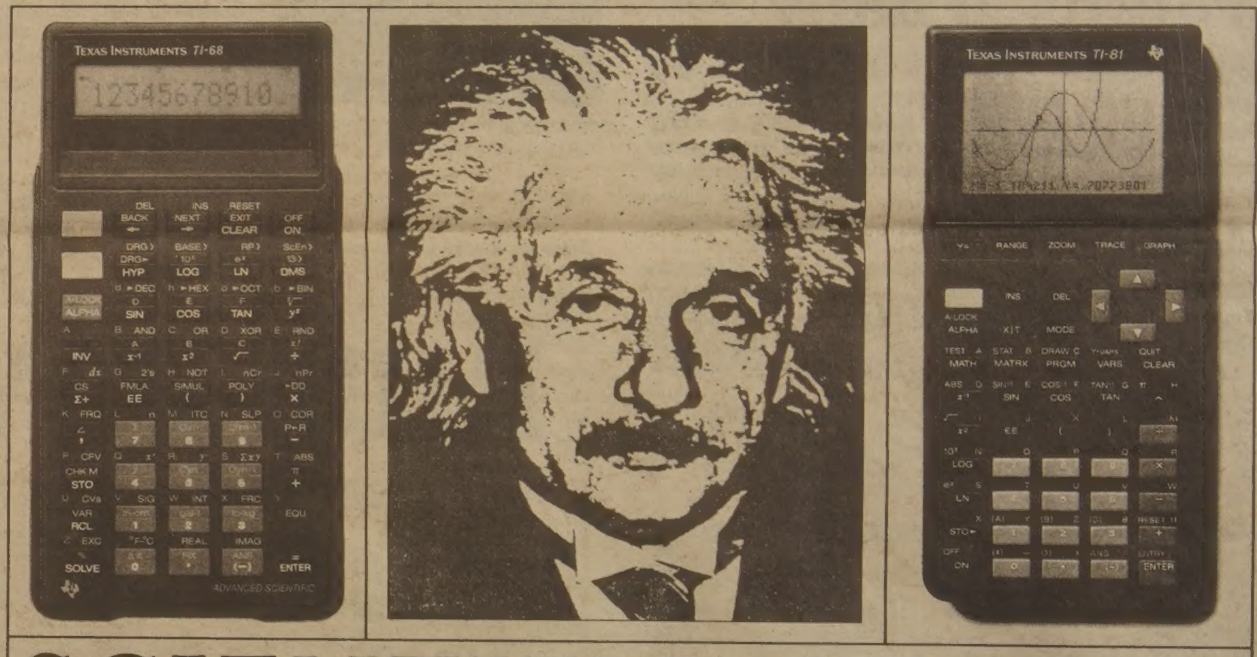
"We're really here to help those who are struggling with their program, or those with a chronic problem who may need help over the long term or the short term,"Mrs. Cicci said.

Those interested in tutoring should have a high mark average, be interested in helping people and have the spare time available. Tutors are paid $5.50 for each one-hour session they conduct with a student. Funding is provided by the Student Administrative Council and the Student Services department at the college. Mrs. Cicci said those with skills at math, English and accounting, as well as those with experience in technology programs are especially needed.



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Sports

Changes ahead for Knights
Heavy competition expected

By NEVILLE LEWIS
Staff Reporter

The Niagara Knights will do battle in eight varsity programs this season and "we are looking to being very competitive," Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of the college's athletic department, said.

In addition to ice hockey — where the Knights are best at what they do — golf, men's, and women's and mixed curling, and badminton will be featured. Despite low standings last season, both men's and women's volleyball programs are a part of the varsity schedule. Touch football and men's indoor soccer will be new additions.

However, Niagara seems destined for changes. Student apathy which has blocked the college's path to many successes, may well be a thing of the past. Students are not only packing into the gym and jamming the weight room, they have asked for a cheerleading squad.

"This is the busiest year I've ever seen in the gym or weight room," Fred Bassi, hockey coach, said. On the first day of touch football practice, 25 players showed. Another 60 hockey hopefuls tried out over two evenings.

"That was good," Peter Rylander said. "I am pleased."

To Mr. Rylander's further delight, a four-man golf team took part in the Durham Invitational tournament on Sept. 24. The team was composed of Mike Gage, Dave Morris, Shane Bilodeau and Jack Eldridge.

However, the athletics department head will be more pleased if the pride of Niagara, its hockey team, could make it two in a row. Last year the college's only glittering moment came when the Knights defeated Buffalo State Bengals 9-6 to capture the International Collegiate Hockey League championship.

Overall, it was a woeful year in sports. The tennis team was first to go under. The women's volleyball team lost 0-13. Although it came close, the men's curling team failed to make it to the finals.

Judy Halaiko, athletics faculty member, blamed the demise on the Ontario college teachers' strike last October. "It really damaged us," she said. "It was hard to get back on track."

READY TO GO

But nowadays, Niagara is all set and ready to go. It is not as easy as before to just drop into the gym any time to shoot a couple of hoops as some basketball diehards have come to realize. And they will not be denied. A meeting in the gym on Oct. 2 will determine the feasibility of a basketball team which could be able to play in exhibition games this season.

Until then, basketball enthusiasts will have to sit back and watch their friends out-rival each other in intramural sports. The games started last Thursday with touch football and slowpitch. The latter saw eight teams registering in one day, Mr. Bassi said.

The winds of change brought a fever to Niagara and no one is immune. Even the athletics director is eager to get on field and into the competition. He brags of the defending intramural softball champions, Staff, of which he is one. It is no wonder he best sums up the feeling at Niagara College: "We'll be bigger and better looking this year."

Staff golf Sept.30

The Niagara College Staff Golf Tournament will be held at Water Park Golf Course on Riverside Drive, Wainfleet.

The tournament takes place on Sept. 30 and is open to college staff only. It will start at 1 p.m.

After the nine-hole game, there will be a dinner at which time awards will be given for the best score, the worst score, the longest drive and to the most honest person.

Rah! Rah! NC Knights Cheerleaders a go

When the Knights come out to play this year, "Go, Niagara, go!" may be coming from a cheerleading squad if Jody Izatt has her wish.

Ten women came out to support the first-year vocational student's cause last Friday. The women are first-year students.

"I am happy that they showed up, Jody said. But she is looking for a few more women which would allow her more flexibility in the scheduling of events and the completion of dance routines. A minimum of 10 cheerleaders is required for an outing to be successful, Jody said.

Having been cheerleaders in highschool, some of the girls will be bringing experience to the squad. Jody has several years' experience at Kernahan Park Secondary School, St. Catharines.

With the part of the plan already in motion, Jody can now return to Peter Rylander, co-ordinator of athletics, to decide on the next step.

When she first outlined her plans to Mr. Right, Jody said he was surprised, but he said he would support the idea if she could get the women. Jody put up flyers around campus. She said she was a bit apprehensive about last Friday's meeting. "I thought no one was going to show up."

Though the question of uniforms is to be settled, the women are hoping that the college will cover the expenses.

"We'd have to buy our own pom-poms," Jody said. "We'd put our money together to get them."

While she waits for the athletics department's decision and the first try-outs on Oct. 27, Jody practised routines at home.

CCC training weekend attracts IEEE executive

A weekend training session held by the Institute of Electronic and Electrical Engineers in Hamilton was attended earlier this month by three technology students from Niagara.

Trevor Burns, John Toulmin and David Hogan, executive members of Niagara's student branch of IEEE, attended the two-day annual event at the Royal Connaught Hotel. All colleges and universities were represented at the event put on by the Central Canadian Council of IEEE Sept. 8 and 9.

The conference offered management seminars and training workshops. The management seminars taught the students how to handle people, how to get the most effort out of people and to plan and organize. There were workshops on how to manage personnel and organizational behavior, John Toulmin, branch vice-president, said.

The weekend helped to familiarize the executive with the structure of the IEEE organization. Participation was expected of everyone and those who attended were called on to speak several times.

The weekend was attended by Phillip Schoones, student branch counsellor and adviser. Mr. Schoones has no actual control over the group but is called upon for support by the members and offers continuity to the programs.

Training sessions are attended by all new executive members. Next year the training weekend will be held in Toronto.

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FIDDLERS STRING CROWD ALONG

The sound of music was in the air at the Niagara Regional Exhibition during the week of Sept. 11 to 16. This group of fiddlers was one of many acts that entertained fair visitors. Even though the weather was not co-operative, the rain and cold did not dampen the spirit of those who attended.

Photo by Jennifer Bartkiw

Weekend fundraiser helps foundation

The Niagara Regional Chapter of the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation will be holding a fundraising car wash on Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 5, 6 and 7 from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Welland Central Car Wash across from McDonalds.

The cost is $1.

Retinitis Pigmentosa is a pigmentary degeneration of the retina, leading to gradual blindness. The cause is unknown but a hereditary tendency is manisfested.

"A doctor from Ireland has recently found the dominant gene that causes it," Vincent Dellemonache said.

Mr. Dellemonache, a resident of Welland, has had the disease since the age of 14. He has three per cent vision remaining.

"Last year, I couldn't see the cars coming into the car wash," he said.

"I could ride my bike when I had 10 per cent vision, but I had to give it up."

The Niagara Chapter raises about $600 annually with the car wash.

For more information, call Mr. Dellemonache at 734-7994.

Student mentors are eyes, ears for teachers

Student mentors act as the eyes and ears of instructors and administration who cannot meet all 255 students in first-year business administration.

This is the first year Niagara College has tried using second-year business students who were successful in their first year and were enthusiastic about helping the new students.

"It provides a human touch and personalizes the first-year experience at the college," Debbie Gilmore, business administration co-ordinator, said.

Mrs. Gilmore is depending on the student mentors for information on how the program is working. "There was a need for the student mentor program because of the large class size and because many of the first-year students don't know the college or other students," Mrs. Gilmore said.

DO NOT TUTOR

Student mentors do not tutor the first-year students academically but rather are there to give advice and answer questions that students would not normally ask a teacher.

Four set times were scheduled for the mentors to meet with the students to discuss problems or concerns. The mentors played an active role in the orientation of the new students by sharing tips on how to succeed in first year and they showed the new students where things were located in the college.

There are 30 mentors who are responsible for eight to 10 students throughout the school year.

The mentors were chosen after "a group of instructors got together and went through the first-year list and picked students who they felt were positive, helpful and successful in all areas," Mrs. Gilmore said.

Even though Mrs. Gilmore organized the mentor program she insists the limelight be on the 30 mentors who balance busy schedules and meetings with their students.

Festival ends

What do St. Catharines and 15,000 acres of vineyards have in common? The Niagara Grape and Wine Festival.

The 39th annual festival concludes this weekend, but there's still time to see the Grande Parade on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 11 a.m., or attend the Montebello Winegarden and the Food Fair.

North America's fourth largest parade features three-storey high helium-filled balloons, floats, marching bands, queens and clowns.

The 90-minute parade begins in St. Catharines at Lake Street and Welland Avenue and continues to James, Church to Ontario, St. Paul to Geneva and Welland to Catherine.

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